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Geographic Variation, 2015



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2,298,977 : **1,110,579**
 NUMBER of MARRIAGES : NUMBER of DIVORCES

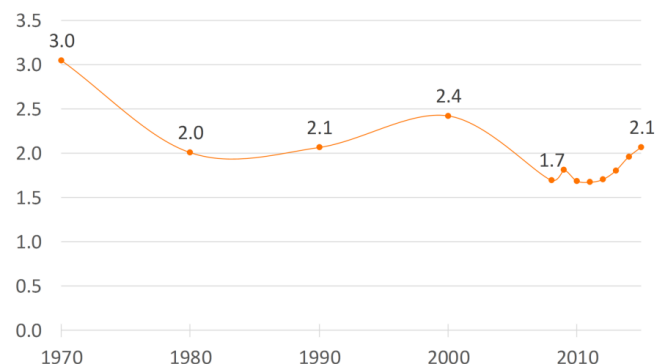
*2 Marriages per
every 1 Divorce*



Marriage-to-Divorce Ratio in the U.S., 2015

- In 2015, there were roughly two marriages for every divorce in the United States. There were 2,298,977 marriages and 1,110,579 divorces.
- During the period observed in this profile, the marriage-to-divorce ratio was highest in 1970. Since 1970, the marriage-divorce ratio has shown an overall decline. From 2008 through 2013, the ratio hovered between 1.7 and 1.8 and in 2014 was 2.0. The current ratio is similar to that seen in 1980 and 1990. In 1980, there were 2,390,252 marriages and 1,189,000 divorces.

Figure 1. Women's Marriage to Divorce Ratio, 1970 - 2015



Sources: 1970-2000, National Center for Health Statistics; 2008-2015, U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey 1-yr est.

Five Highest and Lowest Marriage to Divorce Ratios, 2015

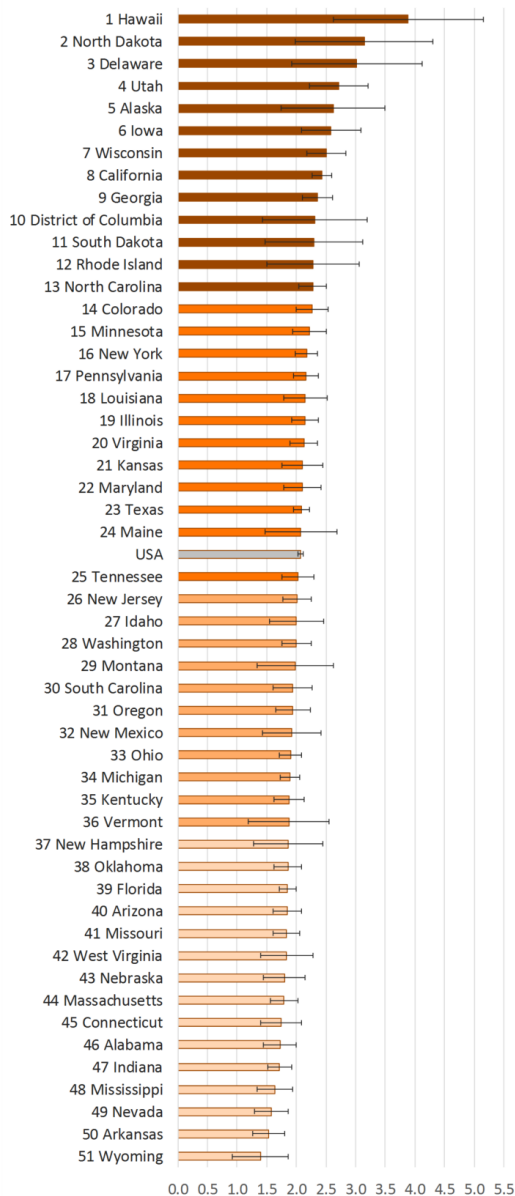
- The top three states in the marriage-to-divorce ratio are Hawaii (3.9), North Dakota (3.1), and Delaware (3.0). In Hawaii, there were nearly four marriages for each divorce and roughly three marriages for each divorce in the other two top states.
- The lowest three states are Wyoming (1.4), Arkansas (1.5), and Nevada (1.6). Wyoming had the lowest ratio with 1.4 marriages per one divorce in 2015.

Women's Highest and Lowest Marriage to Divorce Ratios

1. Hawaii	3.9
2. North Dakota	3.1
3. Delaware	3.0
4. Utah	2.7
5. Alaska	2.6
U.S.	2.1
47. Indiana	1.7
48. Mississippi	1.6
49. Nevada	1.6
50. Arkansas	1.5
51. Wyoming	1.4

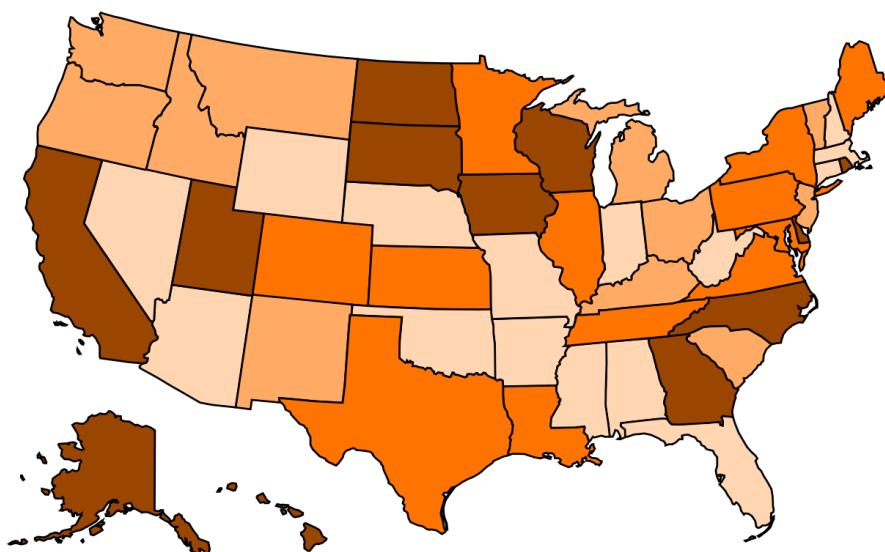
State in Rankings, 2015

Figure 2. State Variation in the Marriage to Divorce Ratio Among Women Aged 15+ by Quartile, 2015



Sources: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2015 1-yr est

Figure 3. Geographic Variation of Women's Marriage to Divorce Ratio Among States, 2015



Sources: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2015 1-yr est

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